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## "Marshal Kim Il Sung Working Out the 10-Point Programme of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland"

The Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland founded on the direct initiative of Marshal Kim Il Sung and under his guidance on May 5, 1936, was the first anti-Japanese united national front organization in our country.

The Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland and its 10-point Programme, an embodiment of Marshal Kim Il Sung's ideas of *Juche*, gave a powerful impetus to the development of the revolutionary movement of our country as a whole and left immortal exploits in the development of the anti-Japanese united front movement in our country and the Korean revolution.

Great achievements made and experiences gained in the anti-Japanese united national front movement under the leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung during the anti-Japanese armed struggle, have been inherited and developed brilliantly under his guidance after the country's liberation and are now displaying greater vitality in socialist construction and the struggle for the independent unification of the fatherland.

# Revolutionary Peoples of World Warmly Congratulate Marshal KIM IL SUNG on His 57th Birthday

**Marshal Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has received many messages celebrating his 57th birthday from the peoples of the various countries which include:**

**A meeting of employees of the Cuba-Korea Friendship Pure Breed Poultry Farm; a celebration meeting of students of Asia, Africa and Latin America studying in Hungary; a meeting of African students studying in Czechoslovakia; Latin American students studying in Rumania; a celebration meeting held in Colombo under the co-sponsorship of the Ceylon-People's Korea Friendship Association, Ceylon Anti-Imperialist Youth Front, Ceylon Women's Union, Ceylon Young Writers Association, Ceylon Journalists Association, Ceylon Front of New Art and Culture and Ceylon Patriotic Front; a meeting of Angolan fighters held in Brazzaville, capital of the Congo (B); a mass rally held in Pool Province, the Congo (B); a meeting of the members of the Algeria-Korea Friendship Ratraul Ali War Veterans Cooperative Farm; and a joint celebration meeting of the teachers and students of the Martyrs Children School in Algiers.**

## Message to Marshal KIM IL SUNG from Latin American Students in Rumania

*According to the KCNA, Marshal Kim Il Sung received a congratulatory message sent on Apr. 15 by Latin American students studying in Rumania on his 57th birthday.*

*The congratulatory message reads in part:*

Latin American students studying in Rumania reverently extend the warmest congratulations and greetings to you, the great Marxist-Leninist of our times and respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who have successfully led the Korean revolution for over 40 years up to date since you embarked upon the revolutionary struggle in your early years and made an immortal contribution to the international communist movement and anti-imperialist national liberation movement, on your 57th birthday.

The anti-Japanese armed struggle organized and waged under the personal leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung was a struggle of the highest form countering the counter-revolutionary armed forces with the revolutionary armed forces and the glorious revolutionary traditions established in the course of this struggle are not only the infinitely precious assets which guarantee the victory of the Korean revolution but also constitute a brilliant example which the revolutionary people of Latin America should follow.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors launched a most barbarous armed invasion by mobilizing the troops of their 15 satellite countries. But the heroic Korean people under the outstanding leadership of you, the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and genius in military strategy, exploded the myth about the "mightiness" and "invincibility" of U.S. imperialism by displaying matchless courage in the grim three-year Fatherland Liberation War and opened the beginning of a downhill turn for the scoundrels.

This was the victory of your great ideas of *Juche* and the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. ideas and set the flames of the revolutionary struggle of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples ablaze more fiercely. Having withstood the rigid trials in the Fatherland Liberation War, the Korean people, upholding the original basic line of economic construction formulated by Comrade Kim Il Sung on giving priority to the growth of heavy industry with simultaneous development of light industry and agriculture, rehabilitated the ravaged national economy and laid the solid foundation of an independent national economy in a short span of time after the war.

In the treatise "Great Anti-Imperialist Revolutionary Cause of Asian, African and Latin American Peoples Is Invincible" authored on the first anniversary of the death of Che Guevara in battle, Comrade Kim Il Sung taught us: **"The peoples of the countries making revolution should join efforts to tear left and right arms from U.S. imperialism, tear off its left and right legs and behead it eventually everywhere it stretches out its crooked hands of aggression."** This great idea and this outstanding line based on the rich practical experiences serve as a truly revolutionary and pre-eminent strategy of struggle which boundlessly encourages the peoples of Venezuela, Colombia, Guatemala, Bolivia, the Dominican Republic and Peru and other Latin American peoples in their revolutionary struggle for defending the Cuban revolution and against the U.S. imperialists and the pro-U.S. dictatorial regimes and instils the firm conviction of victory in them.

If the revolutionary peoples of the world tear off arms and legs of the American scoundrels and behead them everywhere as you taught us, the U.S. imperialists are bound to perish and Asia, Africa and Latin America will certainly attain genuine liberation.

W Latin American students studying in Rumania reverently wish good health and a long life to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, great Marxist-Leninist of our times, brilliant Leader of revolution and great inspirer of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle of the Latin American peoples, for the independent unification of Korea and the bright morrow of socialism and communism and for the triumph of the revolutionary struggle of the Latin American peoples.

# Foreign Guests Here Sing Great Revolutionary Exploits of Premier KIM IL SUNG

**Foreigners staying in this country warmly greeted with the feeling of utmost respect and reverence the 57th birthday of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people.**

**They expressed their boundless trust in and reverence for the Leader in exclusive interviews with reporters of the People's Korea...Ed.**

**Manuel Cuervo Mendez, Cuban Ambassador to Japan, said:**

The road traversed by Premier Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, is adorned with a brilliant struggle for the independence of Korea and the happiness of the Korean people.

All the revolutionary peoples of the world ardently revere and respect Premier Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, who defeated Japanese imperialism and achieved the independence of Korea and is always winning in the struggle against U.S.

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# Marshal KIM IL SUNG Sees Art Performance Celebrating May Day

PYONGYANG, May 2(KCNA)—Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, saw yesterday evening a combined music and dance performance by artists of Pyongyang celebrating May Day at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre.

Also seeing the performance were Comrades Choi Yong Kun, Kim Il, Kim Kwang Hyup, Choi Hyun, Pak Sung Chul, Nam Il Li Jong Ok, Pak Jung Ai, Kim Ik Sun, Li Yung Ho, Suk San, Kim Yung Joo, Li Kook Jin, Hyun Moo Kwang, Kim Joong Rin, Choi Yong Jin, Chung Joon Taik, Han Sang Doo and Kim Dong Kyoo; and responsible functionaries of Ministries, central organs and public organizations and working people in the city.

All the numbers of the program including the solo "With One Mind," the dance "In New Clothes Given by the Marshal," "May the Song Ring Far to the End of This Land" and, "the Rain on the Vegetable Field" and the chorus "Thinking of the Native Land" and "A Song of the Southern Half Swears" and the chorus to the accompaniment of orchestra "Workers of All Lands, Rise!" and "Let Us Mutilate U.S. Imperialism!" were filled with infinite adoration for, trust in and burning loyalty to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, who restored the lost fatherland and converted our country into an invincible socialist power independent in politics, self-sustaining in economy and self-defensive in national defence by leading our revolution along the one road of victory for over 40 years, taking upon himself the destiny of the fatherland and the nation, and is inspiring the international communist movement and working-class movement and the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle to a victory, and with the boundless pride and revolutionary confidence of our people who are bringing the great revolutionary ideas of the sagacious Leader into bloom, living a happy life with him under our most superior socialist system, with nothing they envy in the world.

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imperialism.

We are convinced that the Korean people under the wise leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, will certainly achieve the unification of the fatherland.

The heroic Korean people having Premier Kim Il Sung as their Leader are invincible.

**An Iraqi public figure who came to Japan recently** warmly greeted the 57th birthday of Marshal Kim Il Sung and said:

We Iraqi people rejoice as over our own over the successes made by the Korean people under the wise leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung and highly praise all the struggle of the heroic Korean people as an example of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle and an example in building a new society.

Above all, the works of Premier Kim Il Sung have today become a valuable textbook for the Iraqi people in struggle and construction.

**An Algerian personage staying in Tokyo** warmly supported and praised the great strategy and tactics of Marshal Kim Il Sung on the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle.

He said:

Today there are complicated and difficult problems in forming an international anti-imperialist united front. Premier Kim Il Sung gave a clear-cut answer to these problems.

As pointed out by Premier Kim Il Sung, even small countries can fully safeguard the independence of their countries and finally defeat U.S. imperialism if they pool strength and fight against U.S. imperialism in all parts of the world.

If we fight, upholding the anti-imperialist ideas and the ideas of *Juche* expounded by Premier Kim Il Sung, our struggle against imperialism and old and new colonialism will certainly triumph.

**A UAR personage** said: Premier Kim Il Sung very clearly taught the world people how to fight against the imperialists. To deal a fatal blow to modern imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism, we will give concrete effect to the great strategy of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle on mutilating U.S. imperialism, the strategy worked out by him.

**An Ecuadorian technician staying in Japan** said:

I gained immense courage after reading the treatise of Premier Kim Il Sung **"Great Anti-Imperialist Revolutionary Cause of Asian, African and Latin American Peoples Is Invincible."**

After reading this treatise we came to realize deeply how great the words of Premier Kim Il Sung on the final ruin of U.S. imperialism and the victory of the world revolution are and what a great person he is, the technician added.

**An American Negro student studying in Japan** said:

After reading the report delivered by Premier Kim Il Sung at the Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, I clearly realized the significance of the question of power in revolution.

After reading this work I particularly realized that the movement of the American Negro students should become an anti-imperialist struggle and in struggle its clear target and task should be set.

# Line of Anti-Japanese United National Front Put Forth by Marshal KIM IL SUNG during Anti-Japanese Armed Struggle and Its Great Vitality

## *On Occasion of 33rd Birthday of Association for Restoration of Fatherland*

All Korean residents in Japan together with the people in the fatherland greeted the 33rd anniversary of the founding of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland, in a surging atmosphere in which they have come out in the struggle to oppose the frantic machinations of U.S. imperialism to ignite another war in Korea, to promote independent unification of the fatherland and to safeguard their democratic, national rights, upholding the teachings of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people.

The Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland which was founded in the raging flames of the heroic anti-Japanese armed struggle organized and waged under the personal leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the brilliant Leader of revolution, on May 5, 1936, 33 years ago, and its great 10-point Programme became the beacon of victory brightly lighting the road of struggle ahead of the Korean people for the independence and liberation of the fatherland in the darkest period of the Japanese imperialist colonial rule.

The founding of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland, a permanent anti-Japanese national united front organization, by Marshal Kim Il Sung was a brilliant realization of the historic aspiration of the Korean people for achieving the unity of the anti-Japanese forces on a nation-wide scale and having an independent revolutionary political organization.

Already in the period of his early underground revolutionary struggle Marshal Kim Il Sung, on the basis of a scientific analysis of the preceding course of the history of our country and the situation obtaining in our country and particularly the situation within the national liberation movement and the lesson of the communist movement in the early period and the class relations, the immediate tasks of the Korean revolution and its prospect, etc., regarded it as one of the key issues in winning the victory of the revolution to achieve the unity and joint action of the broad anti-Japanese revolutionary forces.

Marshal Kim Il Sung taught as follows:

**"In order to crush the Japanese scoundrels and win the independence of the country, we should, to begin with, rally the masses who love the country. ...let us all pool strength and rise up in a revolutionary struggle.... All youth, children and women should be embraced in the youth organization, juvenile organization and women's organization respectively in the future and fight more staunchly against the Japanese imperialists and class enemies."**

Marshal Kim Il Sung mapped out a correct line on closely linking the anti-Japanese national united front movement with the anti-Japanese armed struggle and, first of all, organized and carried on the work of strengthening the anti-Japanese guerrilla units.

Marshal Kim Il Sung devoted all his energies to the work of organizing and guiding various anti-Japanese mass organizations, while constantly expanding and strengthening the armed ranks.

Under the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung the anti-Japanese national united front movement came to have a firm foundation for its realization in the first half of the 1930's and, entering the latter half of the 1930's, this movement rapidly expanded and developed on a nation-wide scale, assuming more organized character.

At the historic Nanhutou Meeting held in February 1936, Marshal Kim Il Sung put forward the line of forming a permanent anti-Japanese national united front body capable of organzing and rallying various segments of the masses opposed to Japanese imperialism on a nation-wide scale.

To carry this line into practice he continuously brought to maturity a grand plan for the restoration of the fatherland during the long, arduous march from Nanhutou to Tungkiang. Thus he personally worked out the 10-point Programme of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland and its proclamation and rules.

On the basis of such detailed preparations, Marshal Kim Il Sung convened a meeting in Tungkiang, Fusung county, in May 1936, and put forth the question of founding the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland.

The Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland, the first anti-Japanese national united front body in our country and genuine revolutionary organization of the Koreans, which was guided by the Korean Communists personally led by Marshal Kim Il Sung, was thus founded.

The meeting elected Marshal Kim Il Sung Chairman of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland.

The founding of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the outstanding Leader of the Korean revolution and great Leader of the Korean people, was a brilliant victory of the great ideas of *Juche* of Marshal Kim Il Sung that the Koreans should carry out the Korean revolution independently with a sense of responsibility on their own strength and the precious fruition of the revolutionary line of the anti-Japanese national united front based on *Juche*, which he invariably held fast to and brought to maturity from the period of his early underground revolutionary struggle.

The 10-point Programme of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland, a brilliant embodiment of the great ideas of *Juche* of Marshal Kim Il Sung, was the great revolutionary programme in which Marxism-Leninism was creatively applied and newly developed to suit the realities of our country and the immortal revolutionary banner brightly illumining the road ahead of the Korean revolution.

The creativeness of the 10-point Programme of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland put forth by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the Korean revolution, lay in that it was the programme of a united front and, at the same time, fully reflected the overall needs of the revolution in the stage of the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution.

The programme put forward the basic strategic tasks such as the establishment of the people's government, land reform and nationalization of major industries commensurate to the stage of the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution and set forth social and cultural tasks in an overall way.

The Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland brought on to a great upsurge the Korean revolution as a whole centering around the anti-Japanese armed struggle. And preparations for founding a Party, the vanguard detachment of the revolution, were more actively pushed ahead in the course of the united front movement.

The unprecedented upswing of the Korean revolutionary movement as a whole after the founding of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland was attributable to the fact that national united front movement, armed struggle and preparations for founding the Korean Communist Party were closely combined with various forms of anti-Japanese struggles of the masses of the people and were waged on the correct tactical principles.

The anti-Japanese national united front movement organized and led by Marshal Kim Il Sung was, indeed, of tremendous historic significance in the development of the revolution in our country. Never had our nation been rallied so closely around the Leader as in the period after the founding of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland.

The historical experiences of the anti-Japanese national united front movement organized and waged under the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung are of great theoretical and practical significance in the revolutionary movement of our country at present.

They are the most precious wherewithal in constantly strengthening the revolutionary forces by firmly rallying the entire people around the Party and the Leader in the northern half of the Republic, the bastion of the Korean revolution and its powerful base, and in solidly building up the main force of revolution in South Korea and firmly uniting all the masses who are interested in the revolution in the anti-U.S., national salvation united front.

The priceless experiences of the united front movement organized and led by Marshal Kim Il Sung, are of great theoretical and practical significance in the development of the world revolution as well.

Indeed, the line of Marshal Kim Il Sung on anti-imperialist national united front and the valuable exploits and experiences gained in the course of the struggle for its implementation made an outstanding contribution to creatively developing the Marxist-Leninist theory and enriching its treasure-house.

The immortal exploits and valuable experiences gained by the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland under the leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of revolution, have been inherited and developed fully and enriched all the more by the Workers' Party of Korea since Liberation.

Bearing in mind the great honour as inheritors of the revolutionary traditions of the Workers' Party of Korea, a honor given them by the Leader, all CHONGRYUN workers and Koreans here will firmly arm themselves with the revolutionary ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung and the revolutionary traditions established by him, and will redouble their efforts to accomplish national reintegration and defend their democratic national rights, rallied rock-firm around the Leader.

# "On Results of Fulfilment of 1968 State Budget And on 1969 State Budget of DPRK"

## —*Report of Finance Minister at 3rd Session of 4th Supreme People's Assembly*—

### (*Summary*)

**Minister of Finance Yoon Ki Bok, delivered a report "On the Results of the Fulfilment of the 1968 State Budget and on the 1969 State Budget of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" at the 3rd Session of the 4th Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which was held from Apr. 24 to 26 in Pyongyang, the capital of revolution.**

He stated in the report that 30 per cent of the total expenditure is appropriated for national defence in this year's state budget for further strengthening the defence potential in conformity with the demand of the situation today when the U.S. imperialists are stepping up the manoeuvres for the provocation of a war.

Beginning his report, the Finance Minister said that this year's state budget was being discussed under the circumstances in which the entire working people were accelerating economic construction and defence upbuilding more energetically along the road of victory indicated by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, and the U.S. imperialists were becoming all the more unscrupulous in their drive for the provocation of a new war.

The U.S. imperialists are madly raising a new war clamour after they committed a hostile espionage act on Apr. 15 by infiltrating a large-size reconnaissance plane deep into the territorial air of our country, but they can never frighten our people who are firmly determined to beat off to the bitter end the act of the enemy encroaching upon our sovereignty, not fearing death, he said.

The statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on Apr. 23, the reporter stressed, is now greeted by the entire Korean people with unanimous and enthusiastic support, because it reflects the unshakable determination and burning fighting spirit of our people who have not committed aggression on any country or provoked anyone first from ancient times, but will never allow anyone to insult or provoke us and will answer the "retaliation" of the aggressors with retaliation and a total war with a total war to defend their beloved socialist fatherland and the gains of revolution won at the cost of blood.

And the statement is actively supported by all the revolutionary people and peace-loving personages of the world, because of the staunch anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. stand and peace-loving desire contained in it, he added.

## (1) Results of Fulfilment of State Budget for 1968

In the first part of the report, the Finance Minister referred to the results of the fulfilment of the state budget for 1968.

Noting that greater energy than had been expected in the plan had to be thrown into defence upbuilding last year in face of the frantic war clamour of the U.S. imperialists, and that to this a number of economic difficulties were added, such as a severe drought rare in history and the subsequent strain in electric power, the reporter said: But our people united as one around the Party and Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, increased industrial production at a high rate of 15 per cent and reaped an unprecedented bumper harvest in the production of grain and all other agricultural produce.

He went on:

This brilliant success made by our people last year amid the great revolutionary upsurge mounting ever higher, eloquently demonstrates the decisive superiority of the socialist economy which advances uninterruptedly and develops at a steady high rate. As Comrade Kim Il Sung taught us, this **"testifies to the sheer fallacy of the theory that in socialist society the reserves for increased production diminish gradually and production cannot be kept rising at a high rate as the economy develops and its scale expands."**

The state budget also was fulfilled with success last year in conformity with the rapid development of the national economy.

The state budgetary revenue last year rose to 122 per cent compared with the previous year's, with the further concentration in the state budget of the financial resources rapidly swelling in step with the sharp growth of production.

It was thanks to such marked rise in the revenue of the state budget that we could fully ensure the funds necessary for improving the people's livelihood, while energetically pushing ahead with economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, and the expenditure of the state budget augmented to 122 per cent last year as against the previous year.

Thus, the revenue in last year's state budget surpassed expenditure by 210,810,000 *won* after fully meeting all the demands for funds.

According to the basic direction of the economic development of our country on undertaking new capital construction on a large scale for further expanding the economic foundation of the country while putting main stress on making an effective use of the economic assets already secured and normalizing production, a vast amount of funds accounting for 48.9 per cent of the total expenditure was disbursed in the state budget last year for the development of the national economy and a big portion of it went to capital construction, the reporter said.

As a result, in power industry the construction of gigantic thermal and hydraulic power plants was stepped up on a large scale; the existing power plants were further readjusted and reinforced and the construction of medium- and small-scale power stations also went ahead successfully, further consolidating the power bases of the country.

In mining industry, a great number of new cutting faces were prepared and the commissioning of new large-scale mines was ensured with the appropriation for this domain of 40.2 per cent of the investment in heavy industry construction last year for a more satisfactory operation of the first process of industry. And the working people in coal industry were the first to scale with honour the height of the Seven-Year Plan.

For the rapid development of metal industry, capital construction funds 1.7 times the figure of 1967 went to this domain last year and thus the existing iron and steel works were reconstructed and expanded and the construction of new ferrous metallurgical works was pushed ahead in a big way.

Consequently, the metallurgical base of the country has been further consolidated; the production of irons and steels and various nonferrous metals needed for economic construction and defence upbuilding has shown a marked rise and the independence of the metal industry of our country has become all the more pronounced.

For the development of the engineering industry, the core of heavy industry and the basis of technical development in all branches of the national economy, the Party and the Government paid out last year huge capital construction funds 2.3 times the 1967 figure and newly built the Youth Electric Machine Factory and other big-scale modern machine building factories and widely undertook the work of building up medium- and small-scale engineering factories and branch factories, the reporter said.

Last year also, the reporter said, a colossal investment was made in the chemical industry and the urea factory was expanded twice as big as the previous scale and the expansion of vinalon, chemical fibre, synthetic resin and tyre factories and construction of the oil refinery were vigorously stepped up and the production of phosphorous and molecular fertilizers with home raw materials increased, markedly improving the qualitative composition of the chemical fertilizers, and a substantial rise was witnessed in the production of various agricultural chemicals including weed killers and other chemical products.

The reporter referred to the fact that for meeting the growing demand for building material of wide variety including cement, capital construction fund 1.8 times that in 1967 was allocated to this domain, with the result that the reconstruction and expansion of building material factories and the building of new ones made headway successfully.

Last year, in light industry, the construction of new, modern, large-scale textile factories made headway vigorously and the construction of no small number of light industrial factories was completed. Besides, the construction of a large number of new factories made progress and existing light industrial factories were constructed and expanded, and various fishing boats including big-size ships and fishing tackle were supplied in greater number and thus the material and technical foundations of fisheries were consolidated all the more, the reporter stressed.

He went on:

Even under such complicated and difficult situation as last year, we built with our own efforts so many modern large-scale factories in a single year, and we are carrying on the technical revolution with home-made modern machines and equipment and rapidly improving the people's livelihood day by day with high-quality goods produced at our factories. This is entirely attributable to the outstanding leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, who put forth the correct line of building an independent national economy and has led our people to the prosperity and development of today along this course.

Referring to the enormous success made in the rural economy last year with the powerful assistance of industry, the reporter stated: Last year, the Party and the Government increased the investment in capital construction in this realm 1.3 times compared with 1967 and rendered great state assistance to the cooperative farmers in their striving for increased grain production.

The reporter continued:

Upholding with a whole heart **"Theses on the Socialist Agrarian Question in Our Country"** authored by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and the instructions given by him at the National Meeting of Agricultural Workers, the entire agricultural working people, with the powerful support of the State, waged a vigorous movement for increasing the per-*jungbo* grain output by 500 kg and they performed the wonders of raising the grain output again by 11 per cent last year, overcoming an unprecedented drought, compared with 1967 in which a jump of 16 per cent was recorded in grain output despite the severe damage from a big flood.

In the past five years since the publication of the Theses, the Government of the Republic has allotted 21 per cent of the state investment in capital construction in the national economy to the rural economy and rendered a huge amount of financial assistance to the cooperative farms, he said.

The reporter pointed to the fact that with the energetic introduction of irrigation, electrification, mechanization and chemicalization in the rural economy, the world's most developed irrigation system has been established and electricity found its way to 100 per cent of rural villages and 91.2 per cent of the entire peasant households and the number of tractors per 100 *jungbo* of arable land reached 1.22 (in terms of 15 h.p. unit) as of the end of last year and the amount of chemical fertilizers applied per *jungbo* also rose markedly in this period.

The reporter also noted that for the purpose of consolidating the economic foundations of cooperative farms and speedily improving the living of peasants, 9,680 storehouses and over 38,000 stables and many other productive establishments were built at state expense and handed over to the cooperative farms free of charge and 13,000 electric motors and hosts of other machines and installations were supplied gratis. And modern dwelling houses for 197,000 families and many cultural and welfare facilities were built at state expense, agricultural tax-in-kind was completely abolished, the charges for work done by farm machines were substantially reduced, the purchase prices of industrial crops raised and various kinds of materials for farming supplied at a cheap price.

Over the last five years since the publication of the Theses the additional benefits the cooperative farmers of our country received from the State thanks to new measures taken every year have amounted to 1,306,510,000 *won* and this means that every peasant household has received an additional benefit amounting to 1,200 *won*, the reporter remarked.

Referring to the fact that last year the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic directed more efforts than ever before to increasing the defence capacities in view of the tense situation in which a war might break out again at any moment in our country owing to the frantic war manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists, the reporter pointed out that a huge fund, accounting for 32.4 per cent of the total state budgetary expenditure, 30 per cent greater than in the previous year, was disbursed as defence expenses.

The reporter went on to say:

With the thorough implementation of our Party's military line of self-defence whose main content is to train the whole army into a cadre army, modernize the whole army and place the entire people under arms and convert the whole country into a fortress, the heroic People's Army has grown and strengthened all the more as a revolutionary armed force each of whose members is a match for 100 foes, boundlessly faithful to the Party and the Leader and firmly equipped with modern weapons and up-to-date military and technical materiel and a whole state and whole people defence system has been consolidated all the more.

Last year we once again powerfully demonstrated the might of our revolutionary armed force and whole people defence system by capturing the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" which intruded deep into the territorial water of the Republic.

After we captured the "Pueblo," the U.S. imperialists threatened us, kicking up a big row by bringing the "Enterprise," their biggest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier into the East Sea and an increasing number of their aircraft into South Korea and the like.

However, the reporter said, our people and the People's Army who were ready to dedicate their all to the independence, honour and dignity of the fatherland, rallied themselves rock-firmer than ever before around the great Leader fought stubbornly and maintained to the last a stern and determined stand making full preparations to return retaliation for "retaliation" of the enemy and all-out war for all-out war and thereby forced the U.S. imperialists who had been getting frantic, acting outrageously for nearly one year to apologize formally for their aggressive act and give assurances to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that they would not repeat such crime.

The reporter referred to the fact that our Party and Government which regard the enhancement of the people's livelihood as the supreme principle of their activities disbursed a large amount of state fund to realize the great solicitude of the Party and the Leader for the people's living under the difficult conditions in which economic construction and defence upbuilding were pushed ahead in parallel.

Comrade Kim Il Sung who always showed a deep concern to solve more satisfactorily the problem of food of the people set up 21 new large-scale modern poultry farms and built up solid vegetable cultivation bases by introducing the water-spraying system into the vegetable fields.

The reporter continued:

Last year the Party and the Government disbursed 20 per cent more social and cultural expenses than in 1967 to more satisfactorily meet the demands of the people's living.

Housing construction was carried on briskly with a huge state investment and 70 per cent more dwelling houses than in 1967 were newly provided to the working people with the result that the

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housing conditions were further improved in cities and country.

The reporter stressed that all the successes made last year clearly show once again how incomparably superior the socialist system of our country is, how powerful our independent national economy is and how reliable and solid the socialist finance of our country based on it is.

The northern half of the Republic as a model of socialism has been converted into a paradise good for the people to live in, whereas South Korea under the occupation of U.S. imperialism has been turned into the most corrupt and miserable colony and land of death and land of darkness for the people, the reporter said, and went on:

The two different realities in North and South Korea find a concentric expression in the financial budget.

Last year the U.S. imperialists and their stooges, not content with earmarking nearly the whole of the budget of the puppet government for war preparations, ran wild in raising war funds by cooking up the socalled "supplementary revised budget" for three times and are imposing oversize spendings for military fascist suppression, which have no economic guarantee, upon the South Korean people who are groaning in an untold misery of living.

The traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique intend this year to cover 82 per cent of this year's budgetary revenue with tax collection from the people, which is over two times that of last year, or 10.3 times that in 1961, the year when they seized power.

When miscellaneous taxes, forced labour for military purposes, "national bonds," forced savings and inflation are taken into consideration, the extortion through taxation by the puppet clique is, indeed, a harsh one, the precedent of which can be seen nowhere in the world.

In order to collect this huge amount of taxes, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are revising for the worse various tax laws, raising the tax rate and staging a murderous tax collection racket by wielding bayonets, and are wresting at random over 160 kinds of miscellaneous impositions.

The reporter pointed to the fact that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have offered the South Korean economy to the tender mercy of the U.S. and Japanese monopoly capital, with the result that the national economy of South Korea has gone totally bankrupt and the living of the South Korean people is sinking deeper in the inextricable depth of misery.

Following the banner of struggle, the banner of victory, raised high by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, the entire people of North and South Korea will certainly liberate South Korea and accomplish the sacred cause of national unification in our generation, the reporter declared.

## (2) State Budget for 1969

In the second part of the report, the Finance Minister referred to the state budget for 1969.

He said:

This year's state budget has been drafted so as to firmly guarantee financially the work for scaling the major heights of the Seven-Year Plan, which are of decisive significance in the socialist construction of our country, and further increasing the defence capacity, raising higher the people's livelihood and preparing for large-scale nature-remaking projects to be undertaken in the future.

Reflecting this year's national economy plan which envisages a continued advance at a great speed on the basis of the essential superiority of the socialist system, we have set the total revenue and expenditure of the state budget respectively at 5,995,420,000 *won*.

With the great revolutionary upsurge of socialist construction mounting higher, the state budgetary revenue will show this year a growth of 19 per cent over last year and the share of the revenue from the socialist economy will reach 98.2 per cent.

On the basis of a sharp rise in the state budgetary revenue, the state budgetary expenditure will go up 24 per cent above last year.

This huge amount of fund is correctly appropriated for further enhancing the people's livelihood while ensuring a high tempo in extended reproduction and increase of the defence capacity.

In the state budget, to begin with, a vast amount of fund 27 per cent higher than last year, is earmarked for the development of the national economy, of which the capital construction fund is expected to climb 37 per cent over last year.

This year, too, primary attention will be paid to pushing power and mining industries ahead of other domains and the capital construction investments in this domain are set at 1.5 times that of last year.

The reporter went on:

This year the state will allocate a capital construction fund 1.3 times that of last year to the metal industry to continuously reconstruct and expand a number of large-scale metallurgical works, go ahead with the construction of new iron and steel works and step up the preparations for building up our own light metal production base.

In this year's state budget 13.5 per cent of the investments in industrial construction is earmarked for engineering industry for the satisfactory production of equipment needed for the increase of the economic and defence potentials of the country.

The output of various machine tools, automobiles, tractors, electric motors and generators will be markedly boosted, 1.5 to over four times, and, particularly, the output of large-size excavators, heavy-duty lorries, big tractors, large-size ships, big machine tools, and other big-size machines and precision machines will jump sharply.

Two point two times as much fund as last year will be invested in the chemical industry this year, for accelerating chemicalization in the national economy, particularly chemicalization of agriculture and further reinforcing the raw material bases of light industry by rapidly developing the chemical industry.

The existing chemical fertilizer factories and agricultural chemical factories will be readjusted and reinforced and the expansion of the chemical fibre factories and other chemical factories will be energetically pushed ahead without interruption and thereby the output of chemical fertilizers, agricultural chemicals, chemical fibre, synthetic resin and many other kinds of chemicals will be raised markedly.

At the same time, the construction of oil refinery will be quickened and a project will be started for building up a new large-scale chemical industrial base of great importance in the development of the chemical industry in our country.

The reporter said:

Investments in building-material industry will be doubled compared with last year and the material and technical foundations of the building-material industry will be strengthened considerably through a wholesale expansion of a number of large-scale building-material factories and the acceleration of the construction of cement factories and other new building-material factories.

This year, a huge capital construction investment twice as much as last year will be made in light industry, with the result that production will leap 1.2 times in fabrics, 1.3 times in shoes, 1.8 times in paper, 1.2 times in vegetable oil and 1.4 times in sweets, and confectionaries and daily necessities of wide variety will increase and thus people will live in greater affluence.

And we will reinforce the material and technical foundations of fisheries by supplying more large-size refrigerator-transport ships and fishing boats and hastening the construction of refrigeratory factories, which will lift the fisheries' output and the production of processed fish and further improve the people's livelihood.

In this year's state budget, 1.5 times as much construction fund as last year is appropriated for transport to improve railway transport and all other domains of transport and successfully ease the strain in transport, in accordance with the resolution of the 18th Enlarged Plenum of the 4th Central Committee of the Party.

The reporter said:

With the completion of the electrification of the railway line between Myungchun and Chongjin this year, the electrification of the railway line between Pyongyang and Chongjin will be wound up and rails extending hundreds of kilometres will be replaced with rails for heavy-duty waggons. This will considerably raise the transit capacity of railways. Along with this, construction of new railways will be pushed ahead extensively and the utility rate of rolling stock raised, with the result that the volume of railway freightage will increase 1.2 times last year's figure.

Pointing out that 1.3 times as much fund for capital construction as last year and a huge fund for other purpose is earmarked in the state budget this year for implementing the tasks put forth in **"Theses on the Socialist Agrarian Question in Our Country,"** the reporter noted: This year the successes attained in irrigation will be consolidated and the proportion of the work done by machines will grow markedly in agriculture.

This year larger quantities of chemical fertilizers will be supplied to increase the amount of the fertilizers applied per *jungbo* 1.2 times compared with last year and at the same time, the farmers will be supplied with various kinds of weed killers and agricultural chemicals in larger amount to continue vigorously pushing ahead with chemicalization of agriculture.

This year, too, the state will build production establishments, houses and cultural and welfare facilities for cooperative farms at its own expense of colossal amount, supply them various farm machines free and provide them with hosts of materials for farming at cheap prices.

The reporter stressed:

The state will bend much efforts for developing in a many-sided way the agricultural production in counties of mountainous areas following the brilliant example of Changsung county created in person by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, consolidating the economic foundations of all cooperative farms in the counties and improving the livelihood of the peasants as a whole and leading all the cooperative farms of the country lagging behind to catch up quickly with the advanced ones.

The production of eggs will make a sharp jump of 2.9 times and that of meat 1.4 times as against last year, with the further consolidation of the already laid stock-breeding base, the reporter said.

He continued:

Another great success will be witnessed in the industrialization of vegetable production through the continuous, large-scale undertaking of projects for introducing water-spraying systems into vegetable plots and the problem of subsidiary foodstuffs for the people will be solved more satisfactorily.

The peporter said that a large amount of funds of this year's state budget will go to preparing for grand nature-remaking projects to be undertaken in the future and conducting big-scale land upbuilding.

Today when the U.S. imperialists, occupying one half of the territory of the fatherland, are steadily intensifying the war provocation manoeuvres, we should continually strengthen the defence capacity by more powerfully pushing ahead with the line on carrying on economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, the reporter stressed, and pointed out:

The state budget for this year envisages the allocation of 1,798,680,000 *won*, 30 per cent of the total expenditure, for defence expenses for further strengthening the defence capacity to meet the demand of the situation.

With the more thoroughgoing implementation of the military line of our Party based on the revolutionary principle of self-defence, our People's Army will grow and strengthen all the more as a cadre army each being a match for 100 foes and infinitely faithful to the Party and the Leader, and thoroughly armed with the unitary ideology of the Party and firmly equipped with modern military technique and as invincible revolutionary armed forces capable of defeating any aggressor army in whatever circumstances.

And we will carry on production and construction reliably defending the socialist fatherland by placing the entire people under arms, firmly build up defence establishments everywhere and turn the whole country into an iron-wall fortress, thereby further strengthening the most powerful all-people defence system.

As Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, pointed out at a banquet arranged in honour of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army last year, **"The U.S. imperialists must fully be aware that if they aggravate the situation and persistently take the road of war despite our warnings, they will suffer a heavier defeat this time."**

Then the reporter said:

The Party and the Government which have consistently showed a deep concern for the promotion of the people's well-being plan to speedily improve their livelihood this year on the basis of national income which will grow to 116 per cent compared with last year, while directing much efforts to carrying on economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel.

Along with the increase of commodity production and sharp rise of the purchasing power of the working people, the retail turnover will grow this year 1.2 times as against last year.

This year's state budget envisages an increase of 32 per cent compared with last year in social and cultural expenses to more satisfactorily meet the social and cultural demands of the people, and among them funds for capital construction will rise by 80 per cent above last year's.

A huge amount of funds will be earmarked for housing construction in this year's state budget to build newly three times as many modern dwelling houses as last year in towns and villages. Especially, modern houses for 157,000 families will be built in the countryside in one year with a large state investment.

Disbursement for capital construction in the domain of education will increase two times and allocation of funds for educational work rise 1.2 times as against last year in order to consolidate the success of the nine-year universal compulsory technical education system and further strengthen the material and technical foundations of schools of various levels and cadre training organs and a remittance of 1,200 million yen in Japanese currency, a 20 per cent increase above last year's as educational aid funds and stipends, is envisaged this year for the democratic, national education of sons and daughters of Korean compatriots in Japan, of which 605,714,000 yen has already been sent, the reporter said.

He said:

I can say with confidence that this year's state budget submitted to this session for examination is a budget for great revolutionary upsurge in socialist construction, which is gaining further momentum as the days go by, and a budget for stepping up economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel and a well-compiled and genuine popular budget for the well-being of the people and the future prosperity of the nation.

This huge budget is a realistic budget based on a scientific calculation of the great potentials of the independent national economy we have already built up and all the reserves for increased production and economization and at the same time a revolutionary and mobilizing budget reflecting the demands of the present situation and the firm desire of our people to continuously advance at the Chullima speed, the reporter noted.

By successfully fulfilling this year's state budget we should more successfully realize the far-reaching plan of the Leader put forth in the great 10-point Political Programme of the Government of the Republic and in the report at the Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Founding of the Republic and bring earlier the complete victory of socialism and the great revolutionary event of the unification of the fatherland, the reporter stressed.

Referring to **"On Some Theoretical Problems of the Socialist Economy,"** an immortal work authored recently by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the reporter said:

We should thoroughly arm ourselves with the great revolutionary ideas and outstanding economic theory of the Leader by making a deep-going study of the immortal work and achieve the complete victory of socialism and the nation-wide victory of our revolution at an earlier date by defending them and carrying them through to the end.

The decisive guarantee in realizing the magnificent program of the Seven-Year Plan and actively meeting the great revolutionary event of national unification by raising higher the flames of the great revolutionary upsurge on all fronts of the economic construction and defence upbuilding is to firmly establish the system of the unitary ideology of our Party among all functionaries and working people.

All the functionaries should carry out with credit their revolutionary assignments and ensure the successful fulfilment of the state budget for this year, by consistently striving to revolutionize and working-class-size themselves, heighten the Party spirit, working-class spirit and popular spirit, grasp the Party policies and possess economic and technical knowledge, doing away with bureaucratism and perfunctoriness and thoroughly establishing the Chungsan-*ri* spirit and Chungsan-*ri* method and thus mobilizing the inexhaustible strength of the masses, the reporter said.

Pointing out that only a new, greater victory is in store for our people who are advancing vigorously along the road indicated by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the outstanding Marxist-Leninist of our times and brilliant Leader of revolution, taking the revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung as the sole guideline, the reporter stressed in conclusion: Let us advance vigorously for scaling the heights of the Seven-Year Plan and bringing earlier the complete victory of socialism and the great revolutionary event of national unification, rallied closer around our Party Central Committee and Government of the Republic headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung.

# Koreans' May Day Rally Held Here against New War Provocative Scheme of U.S. Imperialism in Korea

A central meeting of Korean citizens in Japan was held at the Hibiya Public Hall on May 1 to commemorate May Day and to denounce the new war provocation manoeuvres in Korea of U.S. imperialism.

Over 3,000 CHONGRYUN workers and Korean compatriots under the Tokyo Metropolitan headquarters of CHONGRYUN (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) attended the meeting.

Respectfully hung on the platform against the background of a flag of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was a portrait of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people.

Present on the platform of the meeting were vice-Chairmen, including Li Kye Baik and Kim Byung Sik, and members, of the Central Standing Committee of CHONGRYUN, and responsible functionaries of the organizations and business enterprises affiliated with it.

All the people at the hall were filled with boundless respect and reverence for Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who has led the Korean people to victory and glory for 40 odd years since he took the road of the revolutionary struggle and who has extended all sorts of paternal solicitude to Koreans here.

They were firmly determined to resolutely oppose U.S. imperialism, the sworn enemy, supporting the Apr. 23 DPRK Government statement which accused the U.S. imperialist aggressors of conducting the reckless new war racket in Korea, utilizing the Apr.15 "EC-121" incident.

The meeting opened with a loud chorus of the " Song of General Kim Il Sung."

Vice-Chairman Kim Byung Sik of the C.S.C. of CHONGRYUN made a report at the meeting.

Greeting May Day, an international holiday for demonstrating the might and unity of the working class, the vice-Chairman, first of all, extended the highest honour and the most ardent congratulations to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great sun of our nation, who has led the Korean people to victory and glory, happiness and prosperity.

The vice-Chairman spoke about the brilliant realities of the northern half of the DPRK which has developed into a powerful socialist state under the wise leadership of the great Leader.

Pointing out that today South Korea has been turned into a living hell which is ruled by hunger and poverty, fascism and terrorism, the vice-Chairman emphasized that now South Korean revolutionaries and people have waged various forms of anti-U.S., national salvation struggles, including armed struggle in order to sweep away the colonial rule of U.S. imperialism and lead a happy life in the bosom of the great Leader, upholding the teachings of the Leader as the compass of struggle.

The vice-Chairman thoroughly exposed and denounced the vicious new war provocation machinations of U.S. imperialism, saying that the U.S. imperialists are falling headlong into the abyss of ruin as the days go by, despite their desperate struggle.

A view of a central meeting of Koreans in Japan to commemorate May Day and to denounce U.S. imperialism for the new war provocation manoeuvres in Korea, held at the Hibiya Public Hall on May 1

The vice-Chairman declared that though U.S. imperialism was engaged in frantic war rackets, by mobilizing aggressor forces en masse in the East Sea, in the wake of the violation of the territorial air of our country by their spy plane, the Korean people, united closely around the great Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, ever-victorious iron-willed commander and genius military strategist, with one ideology and one will, were filled with a burning determination to crush any aggression of U.S. imperialism at one stroke and achieve the unification of the fatherland.

In conclusion, the vice-Chairman said about the tasks which should be carried out by CHONGRYUN workers and Korean compatriots, emphasizing that the tense situation created in our country by the intensified new war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists demands they should maintain the heightened vigilance and strained posture.

The meeting was addressed by representatives of the Japan Socialist Party, the Japan Communist Party, the General Council of Trade Unions of Japan and the Japan-Korea Association.

The meeting adopted a message addressed to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, amid the enthusiastic applause of all the people present at the meeting.

The meeting also unanimously adopted resolutions condemning the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and a petition addressed to the Japanese Government.

# U.S. Imperialists, Immediately Discontinue New War Racket and Pull Out of South Korea at Once!

## EDITORIAL

As was already reported, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on Apr. 23 a statement in connection with the fact that the U.S. imperialists perpetrated one more grave case of military provocation by infiltrating a large-size reconnaissance plane deep into the territorial air of our country on Apr. 15 to conduct a hostile espionage act and are newly kicking up a war din, employing this incident.

The statement of the DPRK Government categorically denounced the U.S. imperialists for the grave new war racket and made clear its immovable stand of taking a resolute step to cope with the aggressive acts of the enemy and of safeguarding the security and sovereignty of the country to the end.

The Central Standing Committee of CHONGRYUN (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan), in the name of 600,000 Koreans here, published on Apr. 24 a statement fully supporting the statement of the DPRK Government.

The statement of the DPRK Government reflected the unanimous will and firm determination of the entire Korean people.

All Korean residents in Japan fully endorse the statement of the DPRK Government and whole-heartedly welcome it.

At this juncture, all CHONGRYUN workers and Koreans here, together with the people in the homeland, thoroughly arm themselves with the revolutionary ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader and are burning with the firm resolve to share life and death, sweets and bitters with the Leader, rallied rock-firm around him and to defend with their lives the DPRK, the glorious fatherland, following his call.

The frantic war racket being raised by the U.S. imperialists explicitly shows that they are keying up the tension to ignite another war in Korea and rushing headlong into a more dangerous road with each passing day.

In a desperate bid to extricate themselves from a crisis of the irrecoverably tottering colonial rule caused by the daily-surging anti-U.S., anti-puppet struggle of the South Korean people, of late, the U.S. imperialists have been hell-bent on the machinations to make preparations for a new war.

While reinforcing their aggressor armed forces and the South Korean puppet army, expanding military installations and staging large-scale military exercises there, they have been more and more undisguised in conducting hostile acts and military provocations against the DPRK on the ground and the sea and in the air, in flagrant violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement.

During the period from the beginning of this year till Apr. 10 last alone, military provocations of the U.S. imperialist aggressors against the northern half of the DPRK amounted to over 2,180 cases.

Especially since war maniac Nixon appeared on the scene, the manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists to trigger a new war in Korea have reached all the more reckless stage.

The U.S. imperialist war maniacs led by Nixon openly revealed their criminal intention to provoke another war in Korea, ranting: The 3rd World War may break out not in Europe but in Asia; the Korean peninsula may be the next point of explosion in the world; and a large number of U.S. imperialist aggressor troops will move to Korea in 1969.

In mid-March last the U.S. imperialists conducted a large-scale military exercise of "airlifting" numerous aggression army and war materiel from the U.S. mainland into South Korea under the name of "Operation Focus Retina," openly declaring that it was designed to directly "threaten" the DPRK.

The hostile espionage act of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" in the territorial waters of our country in January last year and the recent hostile espionage act of a large-size spy plane of the U.S. imperialists in the territorial air of our country are enough to show clearly to what extent their manoeuvres to unleash another war in Korea have reached.

It is entirely justifiable for the valorous fighters of the Korean People's Army to have shot down the spy plane "EC-121" of the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces which was committing a hostile act in the air of the northern half of the DPRK. This was a legitimate self-defence measure and an exercise of sovereignty, publicly recognized by international law.

Therefore, let alone the Korean people, the peoples of the world fully back the statement of the DPRK Government and staunchly condemn the U.S. imperialist aggressors for the nefarious aggressive act and new war provocative shindy.

Despite this, in a frenzied effort to justify the undeniable criminal act of their spy plane "EC-121," the U.S. imperialists are again calling black white as in the "Pueblo" incident, alleging that it was a "lawful activity" in the "air over high seas" and noisily describing the legitimate self-defence measure of the DPRK as an "act of aggression."

How brigandish this logic is! As is well known to the world, it is a stereotyped artifice always used by the U.S. imperialist aggressors to provoke others first and clamour before world public opinion that it is others who have provoked first.

On warmonger Nixon's bellicose orders, the U.S. imperialists have deployed "Task Force 71" in the East and West Seas and at the same time, their aggressor army stationed in South Korea and the South Korean puppet army have enforced a "state of emergency" and reinforced the troops along the frontline and been on the "extra-special alert," thereby taking a step further to the brink of war.

We resolutely condemn the U.S. imperialists for the intrusion of their spy plane into the territorial air of the DPRK and for the extremely dangerous new war provocative racket as a naked aggressive act against the Korean people and a grave challenge to peace in Asia and the world.

Owing to the rash provocative act of the U.S. imperialist aggressors, a dangerous situation has been now created in Korea in which another war may break out at any moment.

All the sources of the extremely aggravated tension lie precisely in the occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists and their aggressive manoeuvrings.

There is no reason why the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops stay any longer in South Korea, nor is there any ground for it.

The U.S. imperialists must stop at once all their provocations against the Korean people and get out of South Korea without delay, taking with them their aggressor troops and lethal weapons.

The Japanese militarists, the inveterate enemy of the Korean people, are taking active part in the new war racket being raised by U.S. imperialism, doing everything in their power to "justify" the criminal espionage act of the U.S. imperialists against the DPRK and slandering the justifiable self-defence measure taken by the Korean people.

We staunchly denounce the Japanese militarist forces for the heinous attitude.

The might of the Korean people under the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, is invincible.

The U.S. imperialists should look straight at the reality and draw a proper lesson from their shameful defeats in the Korean War and in the incident of "Pueblo," their armed spy ship.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the Korean people, said as follows:

**"We do not want war, but are never afraid of it. Our people and People's Army will return retaliation for the 'retaliation' of the U.S. imperialists, all-out war for all-out war. The U.S. imperialists must fully be aware that if they aggravate the situation and persistently take the road of war despite our warnings, they will suffer a heavier defeat this time."**

All Koreans here will thoroughly arm themselves with the revolutionary ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, and rallied rock-firm around the Leader, will wage a more resolute struggle to oppose the machinations of U.S. imperialism to launch another war in Korea and to promote national unification.

Ever-victorious are the Korean people under the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements.

We whole-heartedly call upon the peace-loving peoples of the world to denounce more resolutely U.S. imperialism for the outrageous act in Korea and are firmly convinced that they will express full support for and firm solidarity with the Korean people in the struggle to defend the security and sovereignty of their fatherland from the threat of U.S. imperialist aggression.

# Increasing International Support for DPRK Government Statement

*Governments and mass media of various countries are giving wide publicity to the statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued in connection with the fact that the U.S. imperialists perpetrated an aggressive act of military provocation by infiltrating a large-size reconnaissance plane deep into the territorial air of the DPRK to conduct a hostile act of espionage and are raising a new war racket.*

**The Cuban paper "Granma," organ of the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party,** on Apr. 24 prominently carried the full text of the statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued in connection with provocative manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists.

On Apr. 23 **the Tass** reported in various languages the full text of the statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. **The Soviet papers "Pravda," organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and "Krasnaya Zvezda"** carried a gist of the statement of Apr. 23.

Carrying a gist of the statement the Soviet papers quoted the part of the statement which denounced the intrusion of the U.S. imperialist spy plane into the territorial air of the DPRK as a grave hostile military provocation and noted the shooting down of the U.S. imperialist spy plane was a just self-defence measure and the part which exposed that the U.S. imperialist aggressors are further aggravating tension, organizing a task force with many warships and are concentrating it around the DPRK in a hurry on the bellicose order of Nixon.

Introducing the content of the statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, an Aden report stressed that the statement denounced the provocation of U.S. imperialism against the DPRK and strongly demanded that all the machinations against the sovereignty of the Korean people be stopped.

Under the title "Aggressive Act against Korean People, Statement of Government of Democratic People's Republic of Korea," **the Apr. 24 "Rabotnichesko Delo," organ of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party,** printed a gist of the statement of the Government of the DPRK.

**"Demedelsko Zname," "Trud," "Narodna Mladezh," "Narodna Voiska," "Kooperativno Selo" and other Bulgarian papers** also carried a gist of the statement of the Government of the DPRK.

**The Apr. 24 issue of "Rude Pravo," organ of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party,** carried a gist of the DPRK Government statement.

The daily put stress on the part of the statement which pointed out that the tense situation was created in which a war may break out in Korea owing to the frantic aggressive machinations of U.S. imperialism.

**Algerian paper "El Moudjahid"** carried a gist of the Government statement of the DPRK under the title "Korean People Will Fight Even If They May Die to Smash Acts Encroaching upon Their Sovereignty."

Under the caption "Korean Government Warns" **"Akahata," organ of the Japan Communist Party,** carried on its front page on Apr. 24 a gist of the statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the full text of the statement on Apr. 25 under the title "U.S. Infringement upon Sovereignty Is Not Pardoned. Shooting Down of Reconnaissance Plane was a Legitimate Measure."

**Indonesian dailies** also published a gist of the statement.

## DRV Government

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam issued on Apr. 26 a statement vehemently denouncing the espionage and military provocation by the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The statement said:

The fact that the U.S. imperialists have sent spy planes to operate in the airspace of the DPRK, set up the "Special Strike Force 71" and continued their reconnaissance flights over the DPRK is a brazen violation of international law and the 1953 Korean Armistice Agreement and wanton aggressive act against the sovereignty and security of the DPRK and grave threat to peace in Asia and the world. This brazen and adventurous act of the U.S. imperialists constitutes an insolent challenge to the peoples in the socialist countries and the peace- and justice-loving people all over the world.

The statement went on:

The Vietnamese people and the Government of the DRV fully support the correct stand of the Government of the DPRK expounded in its statement of Apr. 23, 1969, resolutely demand that the U.S. Government must stop all its acts of military provocation against the DPRK and withdraw all foreign troops from South Korea.

If the obdurate U.S. imperialists recklessly encroach upon the DPRK, the heroic army and people of Korea will exercise their sacred right of self-defence and deal them more deserved punishing blow. The U.S. imperialists must bear full responsibility for the consequences of their acts.

The statement declared in conclusion:

As intimate brothers and companions-in-arms fighting against the common enemy, the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the Vietnamese people will, under any circumstances, firmly support the fraternal Korean people in their struggle aimed at smashing all schemes and acts of war provocation of the U.S. imperialists, to defend the independence and sovereignty of the DPRK and achieve peaceful unification of the fatherland, thus contributing to the safeguarding of peace in Asia and the world.

Glorious victory will certainly belong to the heroic Korean people.

## Cuban Foreign Ministry

The Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Cuba made public a statement denouncing the grave military provocations of the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The statement said:

Describing such reconnaissance flight as a "normal and rightful" one, basing itself on the policy of threat and strength which it is pursuing everywhere in the world, the U.S. Government not only ranted that it would continue reconnaissance flights under armed protection, but ordered the muster of its naval fleet including the nuclear-powered carrier "Enterprise" in the sea off the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Resolutely protesting against such aggressive acts of the U.S. imperialists, the Cuban Revolutionary Government expresses full solidarity with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the measures taken by it and all the relevant measures to be taken by it in the future.

Regarding such measures as lawful ones in every respect for defending the sovereignty and territorial integrity, the Cuban Revolutionary Government expresses its militant support to the just policy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for defending the rights of the people

## GDR Foreign Ministry

A spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic released a statement in connection with the fact that the U.S. imperialists infiltrated a large-size reconnaissance plane deep into the territorial air of the DPRK to conduct hostile espionage acts.

The statement condemned the continual provocations and actions of U.S. imperialism against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and demanded an immediate end to all these provocative acts, which are threatening peace.

The statement pointed out:

As was the case with the capture of the U.S. espionage ship 'Pueblo' by the armed forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the aggressive circles in Washington are using the shooting down of the U.S. 'EC-121' plane which was conducting espionage against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to stir up war hysteria and to worsen the international situation.

Denouncing the West German militarist ruling circles for supporting the provocations by the U.S. imperialists against the DPRK, the statement exposed the further strengthening of political and economic cooperation between the West German militarists and the South Korean puppet clique.

The statement expressed support to the position the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea proclaimed in its statement of Apr. 23, saying that the cessation of the acts of aggression and threats by the U.S. imperialists is indispensable for reducing the dangerous tension in the Far East and preserving peace in Korea.

The statement demanded a speedy withdrawal of the U.S. imperialist troops of occupation from South Korea.

# *Foreign Press Exposes New War Plots of U.S. Imperialism*

*On hearing the news that a large-size spy plane of the U.S. imperialists was meted out a stern punishment by fighters of the Korean People's Army while intruding deep into the territorial air of the DPRK world public is castigating the criminal act of the U.S. imperialists and supporting the self-defence measure taken by the Korean people.*

**Tanzanian paper "Ngurumo"** on Apr. 21, said in an editorial that fighters of the Korean People's Army brought down with a single shot a U.S. imperialist spy plane which intruded into the territorial air of the DPRK.

Noting that the U.S. imperialist aggressors are running riot, following this incident, the editorial said: This reminds one of the time when the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" was captured. It is quite natural that the U.S. imperialists who trampled underfoot the sovereignty of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, should be punished, the editorial stressed.

Saying that the U.S. imperialist aggressors must draw a lesson from the Korean War, the editorial warned:

U.S. imperialism will get nothing no matter how wild it may run.

**Algerian paper "El Moudjahid"** on Apr. 17 stressed that a U.S. imperialist spy plane was shot down in the territorial air of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and wrote that the responsibility for a dangerous situation in Korea rests entirely with Nixon and co.

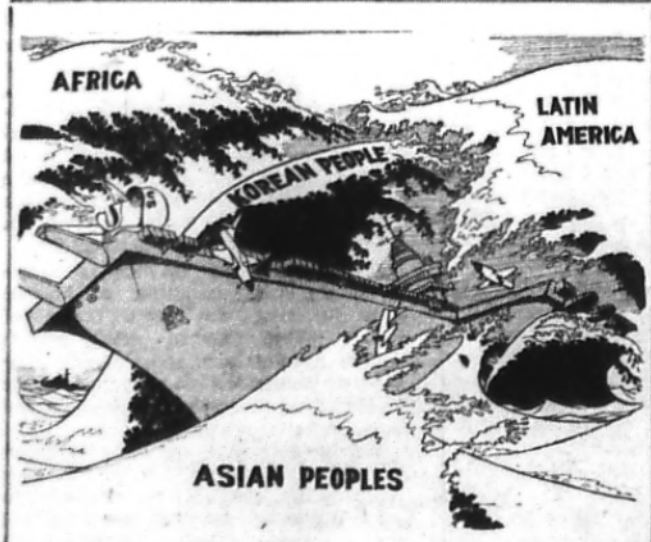
The new provocative act of the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the fact that the U.S. imperialist spy plane had its base in Japan clearly show that the military bases of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops in Japan pose a serious danger, the paper pointed out.

**Radio Phatet Lao** warmly congratulated fighters of the Korean People's Army on their shooting down with a single shot of a U.S. imperialist spy plane which intruded into the territorial air of the DPRK.

Recalling that the valiant naval force of the Korean People's Army seized the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" in January last year, the radio noted:

The world people came to see clearly the true colours of the U.S. imperialists who are prosecuting an aggressive war against other countries, dreaming of world domination.

The shooting down of the U.S. imperialist spy plane in the territorial air of the northern half of Korea was a frontal blow which weakened the U.S. imperialist position still more in Asia, the radio emphasized: The feat of fighters of the Korean People's Army constitutes direct encouragement to the Laotian Patriotic Army in the struggle against the U.S. imperialists and their stooges.




Raging tidal waves from the three continents converging in the East Sea

## JCP Central Committee Presidium

The Presidium of the Central Committee of the Japan Communist Party on Apr. 22 issued a statement entitled "We Denounce the Military Provocation of the U.S. Imperialists in the Sea East of Korea and the Sato Cabinet's Cooperation in It and Appeal to All Democratic Forces to Unfold a Determined Protest Struggle."

Particularly grave is the fact that just as in the incident of the "Pueblo" an armed spy ship, the provocative espionage of the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was perpetrated with Japan as the forefront base, the statement noted and went on:

The Japan Communist Party roundly denounces the military provocations of the U.S. Government and demands it promptly discontinue its espionage and aggressive acts and demands the Sato Government give up all the cooperation in the United States' military provocations and totally refuse to offer a base to the U.S. forces in their espionage acts and sally to the sea east of Korea.

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